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SUBJECT: ARNDT ATTACKED FOR ORDERING HOUSE EVACUATION

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1. SUMMARY: ILLEGAL OCCUPANTS OF HOUSE WHICH WAS SUBJECT OF LAST WEEK' S STREET BATTLES HAVE BEEN PEACEFULLY EVICTED, BUT LORD MAYOR ARNDT HAS BEEN PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED AND CONDEMNED BY HIS OWN

PARTY (SPD) FOR ENFORNCING LAW. FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED THIS WEEKEND. END SUMMARY.

2. AT FOUR AM APRIL FOUR COURT BAILIFF AND SEVEN HUNDRED POLICE APPEARED AT ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED HOUSE (REFTEL) AND ORDERED SQUATTERS OUT. TEN YOUTHS LEFT WIHTOU RESISTANCE, SAYING THEY HAD BEEN ALERTED BY SYMPATHIZERS WIHIN POLICE. NONE OF THESE TEN COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS PARTICIPANTS LAST WEEK' S STREET BATTLES. POLICE CLAIM " CRIMINAL ELEMENTS" MOVED OUR OF HOUSE AFTER MARCH TWENTY-EIGHT DEMONSTRATION. ALSO NO TRACE OF INCENDIARIES. WORKMEN MOVED IN EARLY MORNING APRIL FOUR TO BEGIN DEMOLITION BY MAKING HOUSE UN-UNCLASSIFIED

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INHABITABLE.

3. FRANKFURT SPD BOARD MET SAME MORNING AND CONDEMNED USE OF "POLITICALLY INAPPROPRIATE" METHODS TO EVICT OCCUPANTS TO SATISF " FORMAL LEGAL RIGHT OF TWO MAJOR SPECULATORS TO DESTROY A HOUSE." RESOLUTION ALSO WARNED EVICTION COULD FURTHER ESCALATE UNREST. RESOLUTION ADOPTED AFTER TWO HOURS' DISCUSSION BY EIGHT VOTES TO TWO (MAYORS ARNDT AND SOELCH) AND TWO ABSTENTIONS. REMAINING THREE LEFT CENTER " MODERATES." INCLUDING CHAIRMAN ZANDER, WERE ABSENT. ARNDT TOLD PRESS LATER THAT HE SUCCEEDED IN HAVING SPECIFIC MENTION OF HIS NAME REMOVED FROM DRAFT RESOLUTION, WHICH WOULD ALSO HAVE PRESSED HIM TO TAKE " ILLEGAL ACTION." HE RECOGNIZED THAT RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED CONSTITUTED CRITICISM OF HIS CONDUCT OF OFFICE, BUT HE DID NOT EXPECT IT WOULD HAVE ANY CONSEQUENCES.

4. ABOUT TWO THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED THROUGH CITY DURING AFTERNOON APRIL FOUR WITHOUT SERIOUS INCIDENT TO PROTEST EVICTION. ARNDT AND FEW OTHER CITY OFFICIALS WENT INTO CITY CENTER TO OBSERVE. HE WAS SPOTTED, AND HIS " CHEEK" IN SHOWING FACE WAS DENOUNCED FROM STUDENT ASSOCIATION LOUDSPEAKER VAN. ABOUT THREE HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS BROKE OFF FROM MAIN CROWD AND ASSAULTED HIM WITH CURSES AND SPIT. WITH ASSISTANCE OF HIS STAFF AND FEW PLAIN-CLOTHES POLICE HE BARELY MANAGED TO ESCAPE TO CITY HALL. HE LATER BELITTLED DANGER AND SAID INCIDENT PROVED HIS THEORY THAT ONLY SMALL GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS BENT ON VIOLENCE. FURTHER DEMONSTRATION FOLLOWING DAY WAS PEACEFUL, BUT STUDENT APPREHENDED LAST NIGHT FOR BREAKING SEVERAL BUSINESS WINDOWS (INCLUDING U. S. TRADE CENTER) NEAR EVACUATED HOUSE. ARNDT HAS DECIDED PERMIT DEMONSTRATIONS APRIL SIX AND SEVEN, INCLUDING ONE IN HEART OF SHIPPING DISTRICT AT MIDDAY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

5. ON APRIL FIVE SPD FACTION OF CITY PARLIAMENT PASSED RESOLUTION REGRETTING NECESSITY TO ENFORCE " FORMAL LEGAL RIGHT" OF OWNERS TO EVACUATE HOUSE WHEN PERMIT NOT YET ISSUED FOR NEW STRUCTURE BUT EX-PRESSED CONFIDENCE IN ARNDT AND POLICECHIEF MUELLER. FACTION CHAIRMAN MICHEL, WHO ONE OF LEFT CENTER " MODERATES" ON FRANKFURT SPD BOARD, TOLD PRESS HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY BOARD DID NOT SUPPORT LORD MAYOR.

6. FRANKFURT JUSOS APRIL FIVE, WHILE CRITICIZING DEMONSTRATORS' ASSAULT ON ARNDT, CONDEMNED EVICTION AND AGAIN CALLED FOR MUELLER'S

DISMISSAL. FRANKFURT CDU CHAIRMAN RIESENHUBER SAID SPD RESOLUTIONS
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PUT PARTY ON SIDE OF LAW BREAKERS. HESSEN SUPREME COURT
PRESIDENT
ALSO CONDEMNED SPD BOARD'S AND FACTION'S REFERENCES TO FORMAL
LEGAL
RIGHTS," IMPLYING THAT COURT OR POLICE HAD OPTION OF PUTTING POLITICAL

OR SOCIAL CONSIDERATION ABOVE LAW, WHICH WAS STRICTLY PREROGATIVE
OF LEGISLATURE. HESSEN FDP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN GRIESS SAID FREE MARKET
IN HOUSING CONFLICTED WITH SOCIAL ORDER AND URGED NEW LEGISLATION TO
PROTECT " SOCIALLY WEAK FROM HOUSING SPECULATORS."

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ARNDT QUICKLY OBTAINED SUPPORTING RESOLUTION
OF SPD FACTION TO OFFSET CONDEMNATION BY PARTY BOARD, THE BOARD'S
RESOLUTION OF APRIL FOUR CONSTITUTES FIRST MOTION OF LACK OF CONFID-
ENCE IN HIS ADMINISTRATION. IT IS CLEARLY DISTASTEFUL TO SPD
LEADERS TO HAVE TO EVICT STUDENTS OR WORKERS TO SERVE INTERESTS OF
PROPERTY OWNERS. HARLAN

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